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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group II (claims 7 to 14) in response to the Restriction Requirement of November 20, 2006.

Applicants elect sodium lauryl sulfate, (claim 9) in response to the Sulfonic Acid Compound Election of Species Requirement and elect 2, 4-dinitrophenol, 2, 4-DNP, (claim 10) in response to the Nitro Compound Election of Species Requirement. None of claims 7 to 14 excludes either of the elected species.

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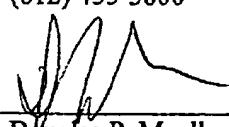
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